

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A play-back device includes a body device including: a playbackmode setting unit for selecting a plurality of playback modes such as a CD mode, an AM mode and an FM mode; a front side speaker and a rear side headphone for selecting an arbitrary one of the playback modes to output play-back signals in the arbitrary playback mode; a front operation unit for operations relating to the front side; and a rear operation unit for operations relating to the rear side. Further included is a control unit for not accepting but making ineffective an operation to release a mute/pause state, even if done from the rear operation unit, when it is decided that the front side is in the mute/pause state while the front side and the rear side are in a common playback mode.